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For: APPARATUS AND SYSTEM FOR DETECTING A FETAL HEART RATE

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This is responsive to the Office Action mailed March 7, 2006, having a shortened period for response set to expire on April 7, 2006. Applicants elect claims directed to the invention of Group I, which includes claims 25-47, drawn to "an apparatus for determining the heart rate of a fetus, including a processor which determines the heart rate of the mother." Applicants reserve the right to further prosecute without prejudice the non-elected claims 48-62 and the related invention.

If there are any additional fees associated with this Response, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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